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Art Unit 3671

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Re:

U.S. Utility Patent Application

Application No. 10/614,288; Filed: July 8, 2003

For: Grain Cleaner

Inventors:

Manning et al.

Our Ref:

2032.0010001/EJK

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Reply to Restriction Requirement; and
- 2. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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Reply to Restriction Requirement

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated April 1, 2004, requesting an election of species of the disclosed invention to prosecute in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the species of:

Group A - a grain cleaner with an indent cylinder.

In addition, in response to the further requirement for restriction in the event Applicants elect the species of Group A, Applicants further elect to prosecute the invention of:

Group I, represented by claims 23-26, 30-33, and 36-39.

This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed.

This election is made without traverse.

It is noted that the Office Action states that Group I is represented by claims 23-26, 30-36 and 39-33. In a telephone conference with the Examiner on April 14, 2004,

the Examiner clarified that Group I should correctly be represented by claims 23-26, 30-33, and 36-39.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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